

# Information Products Bulletin

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## Significant Information Products Under Development or Modification

The Information Products Bulletin (IPB) is a joint effort between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) to inform the public about "*significant information products*" being developed by EPA and some states, and identify opportunities for stakeholder and public involvement. "*Significant information products*" include products under development or modification by EPA and states, that use national or regional data to describe environmental conditions, trends, and/or the performance of companies, facilities and communities. Each of the product descriptions below includes a list of the stakeholder and public involvement activities that are expected to be available during product development. It should be noted that not all products provide an opportunity for stakeholder or public input during product development. Examples of such products are those produced on a routine or annual basis, or those that are technical, science-based documents that undergo a rigorous peer review process.

Specific information regarding dates for public meetings, workshops, forums, etc. may be obtained about individual products by contacting the number listed under each product description.

Please Note: The IPB is not intended to be a compilation of all EPA and State information products, only "*significant information products*" currently in the pipeline. Expected release dates are the best estimates to date; schedules are subject to change.

## Products Under Development

### Air

#### Progress in Reducing the Risk from Radon in America's Homes

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This report will present data on the scope of the radon risk in homes, the use of residential radon mitigation systems in existing homes, and the use of radon resistant construction in new homes. The intended audience includes members of the radon mitigation industry and the construction industry, as well as federal, state, and local government officials in the radon field.

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## Cross-Media

### 2007 EPA Report on the Environment: Public Document EPA's 2007 Report on the Environment: Highlights of Conditions and Trends

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA's Report on the Environment will describe national environmental conditions and trends. EPA received feedback about the 2003 Draft Report on the Environment and is applying this feedback to the 2007 Public Highlights Document to ensure that it is useful to citizens who are interested in environmental information. EPA also is developing the 2007 EPA Report on the Environment: Technical Document, which will provide more detail about indicators and identify data gaps. The point of contact for the Technical Document is Denise Shaw (202-564-3234) in the Office of Research and Development. The electronic Report on the Environment (e-ROE ) will be a Web site about environmental indicators for many audiences, including concerned citizens, students, teachers, scientists, and public health and environmental stakeholders.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/indicators](http://www.epa.gov/indicators)

### 2008 Sector Strategies Performance Report

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** Launched in 2003, the Sector Strategies Program promotes industry-wide environmental gains through innovative partnerships with 13 manufacturing and service sectors. Through this collaborative, voluntary partnership, EPA is working with sector trade groups and other stakeholders to reduce pollution and conserve resources, and to measure corresponding performance results through quantitative metrics. During the first year of the Sector Strategies Program, EPA looked back on each sector's environmental progress to date in order to set the stage for further performance enhancements. There were also discussions with sector partners to identify additional opportunities for environmental performance improvements. Key environmental opportunities identified through research and discussions form the basis for this report. The purpose of this report is multi-fold: to profile each sector, highlighting industry statistics and trends, typical processes and operations, and trade group partners; to describe and, where possible, to measure environmental progress to date, focusing on performance trends over the past 10 years; and to identify opportunities - both in the near term as well as over the next decade (or longer) - for continued environmental improvement. EPA used available emissions and resource data, performance indicators, and/or case studies to provide a snapshot of environmental progress in each sector. Case studies, in particular, illustrate the kinds of innovative operational and measurement activities that might be adopted by the entire sector. In many cases, sector commitments are further demonstrated through their active membership in one or more relevant public-private partnerships, such as the National Environmental Performance Track. Over time, EPA will update performance information and measure sector

gains.

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## America's Children and the Environment

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA's America's Children and the Environment (ACE) report and Web site provide information on trends in environmental factors related to the health and well-being of children in the United States. EPA has produced two reports. Recent changes to the Web site focused on updating previously reported indicators on trends in: (1) levels of environmental contaminants in air, water, food and soil; (2) concentrations of contaminants measured in bodies of children and women; and (3) childhood illnesses that may be influenced by exposures to environmental contaminants. ACE is a joint effort of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection and Environmental Education (OCHPEE) and Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation (OPEI). The OCHPEE point of contact is Devon Payne-Sturges (202 564-2706 or payne-sturges.devon@epa.gov) and the OPEI point of contact is Daniel Axelrad (202-566-2304 or axelrad.daniel@epa.gov).

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/envirohealth/children/index.htm)

## EPA Partnership Programs Accomplishment Report

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This report will look at the results of the EPA Partnership Programs as a whole and what they have contributed to the Agency's mission of protecting human health and the environment. It will highlight the accomplishments of these programs over the last several years.

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## EPA State Innovation Grant Program Progress Report - Strategic Partnership in Environmental Innovation

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The US EPA's National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI) is preparing this report primarily for our State environmental agency partners to describe the results to date for projects being conducted with support from the EPA State Innovation Grant Program. The report may also be useful to the EPA Programs and Regions to highlight the successes and progress thus far in the grant program and to help them identify further opportunity for expanding the use of innovation in permitting programs. The EPA State Innovation Grant Program was created in 2002 and funded to assist States in solving key environmental problems using innovative methods. EPA wanted to use the State Innovation Grant Program to: build more effective collaboration with States to identify areas ripe for innovation; help State Agencies identify operating cost efficiencies through innovation; realize cost or time savings for regulated entities; elicit best ideas through a competitive process with States submitting a proposal in response to an EPA solicitation; and build in measurement and evaluation essential to transferability of the innovation. The report provides an analysis of the outcomes of projects completed to date and a description of the projects still underway. Since 2002, the National Center for Environmental Innovation has made 29 project awards totaling nearly \$5M to test strategic innovation in State environmental permitting programs.

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## **Fifth Annual Performance Track Progress Report**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Fifth Annual Performance Track Progress Report is primarily an update of environmental results achieved by members since the last progress report published. Updated information on member locations, the program structure, criteria, and achievements is also included. The purpose of this publication is to demonstrate how Performance Track members achieve not only the strategic goals across media but also those that extend above and beyond what can be accomplished through regulation.

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## **Guidance for Assessing Chemical Contaminant Data for Use in Fish Advisories, Vol 4: Risk Communication, 2nd Edition**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This document is one of a series of national guidance documents that provides states, tribes and others with cost-effective, scientifically sound methods and protocols for developing and managing local fish consumption advisories caused by the occurrence of bioaccumulative pollutants in noncommercial fish and wildlife. The guidance is developed cooperatively with state and tribal advisory programs and is used by local governmental health and environment agencies issuing fish consumption advisories.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/](http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/)

## Survey Management Handbook

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Survey Management Handbook provides guidance on the conduct, design and analysis of environmental surveys. The Handbook is written for use by both statisticians and non-statisticians and provides practical advice on many aspects of survey research. The Handbook and the Guide to Secondary Information Products are the first in a number of OEI information publications that will provide guidance in developing quality information products.

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## The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures Survey (PACE)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Pollution Abatement Costs and Expenditures (PACE) Survey collects data on the overall costs of complying with environmental regulations for U.S. manufacturing facilities. More specifically, the PACE survey collects data on the costs of pollution treatment (i.e., end-of-pipe controls), pollution prevention (i.e., production process enhancements to reduce pollution), disposal, and recycling. The PACE survey was conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau from 1973-1994 (except 1987) on a sample of approximately 20,000 manufacturing establishments. EPA funded the collection of the 1999 PACE data and has recently completed the redevelopment of the survey instrument to be administered by the Census Bureau in 2006 to collect 2005 data. Aggregate statistics for 2005 PACE Survey will be reported by two to six digit NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) codes, by abatement method (treatment versus prevention), media (air, water, solid waste), type of cost (capital versus operating), and state.

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## Enforcement and Compliance

### ERP States Produce Results - 2007 Report. States' Experience Implementing the Environmental Results Program. Executive Summary

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This report is intended to provide readers with the most current understanding of how the flexible ERP approach works in its many manifestations, to present results to date reported by states that have completed an ERP, detail the advantages states describe in implementing ERP, and discuss what EPA sees as the future of ERP.

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## Pesticides

### Meso-scale Atmospheric Transport Model

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA is working with the United States Department of Agriculture - Forest Service, Department of Energy, and Department of Defense to develop a Geographic Information System-based complex terrain atmospheric transport model. This model will help the Pesticides Office estimate deposition and airborne concentrations of pesticides 1 to 100km downwind from small or large application areas.

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### Model Development for FQPA Drinking Water Exposure Assessment

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** In October 2000, EPA, U.S. Geological Survey, and the Department of Agriculture formed an Inter-Governmental Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) Drinking Water Steering Committee to oversee the development and validation of reliable models that can be used to more accurately predict the concentrations of pesticides at individual drinking water intakes. CropLife America, representing regulated industry, and the American Water Works Association also sit on the committee as observers. In this five-year initiative, the three federal agencies will design and conduct water monitoring studies throughout the United States and use the information from these studies to validate drinking water models at the water utility level. After the validated models are in place, the Agency will use them in acute, chronic and cancer aggregate and cumulative human health risk assessments for pesticides and in risk management decision-making. A one year phase 1 monitoring study at 5 selected sites was completed in 2003. The sampling for a phase 2 monitoring study at 6 more sites started on April 19, 2004 and has also been completed. The data from these monitoring studies will be used to validate the WARP model.

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## Tier II Groundwater Model for Carbamate Cumulative

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA is developing a Tier II Groundwater Model that will generate refined estimations of concentrations of pesticides in groundwater for the carbamate cumulative risk assessment. The Agency is working with USGS to evaluate existing vadose-zone models that can be adapted for use in this risk assessment. The three models that have been evaluated include PRZM, RZWQM, and LEACHMP. The preliminary evaluation of these models was completed and included in the Agency's cumulative carbamate assessment. In August 2005, the Scientific Advisory Panel reviewed the Agency's preliminary carbamate cumulative risk assessment and provided comments. The final evaluation for the Tier II ground water model used in the carbamate cumulative is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2006.

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## Solid Waste and Emergency Response

### National Priority Chemicals Trends Report (2000-2004)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This report tracks progress being made toward the EPA OSW goal, under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), to reduce the quantity of Priority Chemicals contained in wastes, by 10 percent, using a 2001 baseline. The Trends Report also shows trends from 2000-2004, concerning the generation and management of the Priority Chemicals by National, EPA Region, State, and industry sector, and federal facility levels. This update of the Trends Report, for the first time, also will present the generation and management trends of the Priority Chemicals within selected industry sectors. EPA annually updates this report, using the most recent Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) data available to examine waste generation and management trends for the Priority Chemicals. The Trends Report and associated facility-specific data are only accessible at the website indicated below.

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# Toxic Substances

## Internet Geographical Exposure Modeling System (IGEMS)

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Internet Geographical Exposure Modeling System (IGEMS), currently under development, is a modernization of several older stand-alone models. IGEMS brings together in one system several EPA environmental fate and transport models and some of the environmental data needed to run them. It also uses graphing and Geographic Information System (GIS) capabilities. IGEMS will eventually include models and data for ambient air, surface water, soil and ground water. Interactive menus guide users through selecting models, selecting and organizing data to be used as input to model runs, executing model runs, presenting model outputs, and accessing user help. With the IGEMS graphical and GIS capabilities, users can view the results as isopleths, vectors, etc., and as geographic presentations, including overlays with population and geographic location. The beta test version of IGEMS is available; the final release date will be determined after peer review.

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# Water

## Clean Water Needs Survey Database

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA is moving the current Clean Water Needs Survey data entry system to the Internet between now and 2008. Moving the system to the internet will provide easier access by States for data entry, as well as extend data entry capabilities to facilities and local communities. Development of the internet-based data entry system, which began in September of 2005, will be guided by a steering group composed of representatives from EPA, States, and Local Communities. Interested parties should contact Michael Plastino, CWNS Team Leader.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** No URL Available

## National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue Final Report

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The National Study of Chemical Residues in Lake Fish Tissue is the largest national freshwater fish contamination survey EPA has conducted to date, and it is the first national fish contamination study with sampling sites selected according to a statistical design. Over a period of 4 years (2000-2003), fish were collected from 500 lakes and reservoirs in the lower 48 states. The fish samples (one predator composite and one bottom dweller composite



from each site) were analyzed for 268 persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) chemicals, and the results used to develop national estimates of mean concentrations of these chemicals in fish. The statistical design of the study also provides the basis for estimating the percentage of lakes and reservoirs across the country with fish tissue concentrations above or below levels of concern for human or ecosystem health. The final report will summarize the sampling design and present the statistical analysis of the cumulative 4-year fish contamination data set.

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## **Nonpoint Source Outreach Digital Toolbox**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The Nonpoint Source (NPS) Outreach Digital Toolbox will contain a searchable catalog of sample NPS outreach and educational materials in the form of existing TV, radio, and print public service announcements (PSAs) in digital formats; slogans, logos, and mascots; and featured PSAs. It will also include surveys on NPS awareness and evaluations of the effectiveness of real-world NPS mass media campaigns, and a "how to" guide for conducting watershed outreach campaigns to improve water quality. The Toolbox will be released as a Web site and a CD-ROM. It will focus on providing tools and resources to reach the general public with sound NPS messages regarding the following categories of personal stewardship: general storm water and storm drain awareness; lawn and garden care; motor vehicle care; pet care; septic system care; and household chemicals and waste.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox](http://www.epa.gov/nps/toolbox)

## **Products Undergoing Significant Revisions and/or Products that are Released on a Regular Basis**

## **Cross-Media**

### **Bio-reactor Landfill State of the Practice Report**

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** EPA has developed and is in the process of publishing a report documenting the current practice of operating municipal sanitary landfills as bio-reactors. A bio-reactor landfill is one in which liquids are introduced to accelerate the microbial degradation of the waste. This is a relatively new concept that is being tested in a number of facilities around the country. The advantages of accelerating degradation include increased opportunity to recover useful gas, reduced period of time needed to provide leachate and other environmental controls, increased disposal capacity, and earlier achievement of site stability. This study describes current technical practices, operating experiences, and environmental impacts. For further information, please contact Thabet Tolaymat (information listed below), or Jennifer Goetz at [goetz.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:goetz.jennifer@epa.gov)

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## Enforcement and Compliance

### OECA Accomplishments Report: Working with our Partners and the Public to Help Protect the Environment.

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** This annual report summarizes EPA's enforcement and compliance assurance accomplishments as of the end of fiscal year 2006. In addition, it includes other highlights since the last accomplishments report in fiscal year 2002 and in the context of the program's decade of existence. The report outlines enforcement and compliance assistance actions in priority areas and sectors, as well as in important program areas such as environmental justice.

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**How to Access Draft Product:** [www.epa.gov/compliance](http://www.epa.gov/compliance)

## Water

### Clean Watersheds Needs Survey 2004 Report to Congress

**Federal vs. State:** Federal

**Description:** The 'Clean Watersheds Needs Survey (CWNS) 2004 Report to Congress' will present the results of a joint EPA-State survey of water quality programs and projects that may be eligible for funding under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). EPA prepares this report in response to section 516 of the Clean Water Act. This will be the fourteenth survey/report since 1972. The CWNS is a collaborative effort between the States and EPA. States entered data into the CWNS database during a 10-month period between May 2004 and February 2005. States obtained the necessary information from a variety of sources. State-entered data is being reviewed and analyzed in accordance with agreed-upon criteria before being accepted for inclusion in the main body of the report. State-reported needs that did not meet the criteria are reported separately as Separate State Estimates. For the purpose of CWNS 2004 a 'need' is defined as a water quality or public health problem and an associated cost that is generally eligible for funding under the CWSRF. The need had to exist on January 1, 2004, and be supported by documentation that the States and EPA agreed upon before the survey was initiated. Lacking sufficient documentation of some cost information, EPA embedded cost curves into the CWNS data entry system to enable States to estimate costs for documented needs. In addition to need and cost information, the report will summarize and report technical data, such as population, flow, and effluent quality.

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